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PATRONIZE STATIONS DISPLAYING SHOP CARD



Here is pictured a filling station to be patronized by all Teamsters and other union members and their friends in Indianapolis. It is the Cross Roads Tire Corner, Inc. at 442 North West street which gives "24 hours gasoline service." The manager Edgar Thompson (left) has renewed a union shop contract with Teamsters Local 135,

giving the employees 10 cents an hour more money, vacations with pay and other benefits. E. J. Williams, union head, holds the Teamsters shop card which is always shown in this station and which should be displayed by every service station in this vicinity if it wants the business of Teamsters and all other good union members.

Local 414 Signs 5 Distributors in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — Teamsters Local 414 has signed a new agreement giving substantial wage increases and other fringe benefits to all drivers and warehousemen employed by five beer distributing plants here.

Contract was signed for the union by Pat Hess, secretary-treasurer and business representative.

The union is now starting negotiations looking to a new contract with the Howard Sober Driveway Co., to replace the present agreement, which expires July 15. Hess will ask for an increase for the union members employed by the company.

The Sober company delivers new International trucks to all Eastern states.

Its drivers expect a vacation during part of July and August while the International Harvester (Continued on Page 2)

Local 716 Ends Building Strike With Pay Raise

On Monday, June 20, all members of Local Union No. 716, working under the General Contractors agreement, went on strike.

As far back as February 22, 1949, the contractors were notified that the Union Committee consisting of Bill Graham, Sam Brumit, Ervin Lutz and E. T. Carlson, president of Local Union No. 716, were reopening the old agreement and would meet with their committee at any time.

Since then the joint committees have had several meetings, without arriving at a settlement.

On Tuesday, June 21, at a joint committee meeting, the contractors offered 12½ cents per hour, retroactive back to May 1, 1949, the termination of the old agreement. At a meeting June 22, 1949, the members ratified the new conditions and returned to (Continued on Page 2)

Vincennes Beer Dealer Grants Union Contract

VINCENNES — Teamsters Union Local 417 has won the first round in its campaign to organize all distribution of beer in Knox county by signing a union shop contract with the W. F. Holland Beer Distributing Co.

The new agreement gives all employees, inside and out, wage increases ranging from \$6.25 to \$11.25 per week.

The beer now fair in Vincennes is Fall City, C. V., Berghoff, Schlitz, and Drewery's. All other beer is unfair for the time being, but may come to the fair list if those two other distributors do what they are expected to — sign up with Charles Miller, boss man of the local union.

Mr. Miller was assisted in his negotiations by Merle Emmons, Eddie Johnson and Swifty Applegate.

Richmond Signs City Freight and Other Contracts

RICHMOND — Teamsters Local No. 691 has finally got a contract from the big truckers handling city freight here after negotiating since March 15 and at one time voting to strike, if necessary.

The new agreement gives the union members 5 cents an hour increase and other fringe benefits, according to James K. Katz, secretary-treasurer and business representative of the union.

Local 691 recently signed the Acme Beverage Co. and now expects to get two other local beer distributors.

This local has filed with the NLRB for certification as bargaining agent of all inside and outside employees of the Meckes (Continued on Page 2)

Many Prizes for Winners of Rodeos

Truck driving was glorified in Terre Haute and Evansville during the month by Rodeos sponsored by Teamsters, the Indiana Motor Truck Association, Chambers of Commerce and other parties interested in promoting skillful and safe driving.

Winners of both the Rodeos received prizes at banquets held in their honor and were invited to compete in the state tournament, which will be held in the Cattlebarn, State Fair Grounds, July 30-31.

At the state tournament winners will be chosen to (Continued on Page 4)

Deason of 215 Named Driver of the Month

W. D. Deason, an over-the-road driver for Arnold Ligon Truck Line and member of Teamsters Local 215 was awarded a gold lapel button and certificate as January "Driver of the Month" at a recent meeting of Kentucky Motor Transport Association in Louisville.

Selection is based on specific acts of heroism, courtesy and safety over a period of years and a record free of accidents or arrests for traffic violations for the month.

About two o'clock one morning in January Mr. Deason, on a run from Louisville to Princeton, helped to extricate Charles Stallins from under a wrecked panel (Continued on Page 2)

Furnas Ice Cream Signs With Local 188

After three months of negotiations, Furnas Ice Cream Co. this week signed a contract with Teamsters Local No. 188, Indianapolis, calling for a wage increase and improved working conditions.

The pact benefits 90 employees, both sales drivers and inside workers.

The contract was signed after the union won representation and union shop elections conducted at the plant by the National Labor Relations Board.

Signing of the agreement for the union were C. E. Davis, president, and Richard A. Kinnaman, business representative.

UNFAIR Kokomo

Dietzen's Bread is Unfair! Buy any other bread for sale in Kokomo and vicinity. But never buy Dietzen's.

The Howard County Lumber Co. is operating with scab labor and paying scab wages.

Look-See with 233

By LARGE ED and SMALL ED

The members of 233 at Red Dot Potato Chips Co. received an increase in wages recently. When you buy potato chips remember Red Dot. They are Teamster made and delivered.

Brothers Jack Bennett and Tilden Lucas from A&P warehouse are on the sick list. We all hope Jack and Luke a speedy recovery.

Brother Frank Buckner of Fred Beck Liquor Co. has decided two can live as cheap as one. Buck got married June 11. We all hope Mr. and Mrs. many happy years together!

The contract at John Wachtel & Co. has been signed for another year.

Vice-President William Osborne is still convalescing at his home.

We are all glad to see Brother Walt Bendler back to work. Brother Bendler was severely burned on his face and arms and his rapid recovery surprised us all.

Brother Claude Bennett, of Kroger's Warehouse, is in critical condition at Methodist Hospital with a heart ailment.

Brother Martin Stahl, of J. C. Perry Grocery Co., has been off sick a couple of months. Any brother or sister member who knows Marty and would stop and see him would be greatly welcome!

Swift & Co. recently awarded Brothers Booth Hicks and Joe Power seven-year safety awards. Seven years with no accidents within the city is a good record.

Remember, if you change your address notify the office. Call Riley 8352 and give Lura Seaman the new address.

In going from warehouse to warehouse we hear so many fish stories there is not room in THE INDIANA TEAMSTER to print them all, but just listen to the brothers and sisters returning from vacation and you'll really hear them.

Local 414 Signs 5 Distributors in Fort Wayne

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Co. curtails production in preparing for the new model truck due to appear in September. This preparation includes the installation of two new assembly lines, in the plant here and in Springfield, which are calculated to be the most modern lines known to the automotive industry.

Teamsters are employed practically 100 per cent in Ft. Wayne and its vicinity, despite the fact that there has been considerable unemployment in some of the factories. Hess says that the situation has eased up somewhat in industry, but "it is still nothing to brag about."

Deason Named Driver of Month

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truck. The truck had overturned, pinning Mr. Stallings beneath it. Mr. Deason dug out the injured man with a shovel carried on the Arnold Ligon truck. Mr. Stallings' companion, who was thrown clear, was trying to rescue the victim with his bare hands. Mr. Deason, by his quick action, is credited with saving a man's life.

Button and certificate were presented by E. J. Buhner, chairman of the board of directors, American Trucking Association.

O. Morehouse Confined by Leg Ailment

Sympathy and best-of-luck were expressed by the Indiana Conference of Teamsters June 17 for Otto L. Morehouse, business representative of the South Bend Taxicab Drivers, Local 141, who is confined to his home with a blood clot in his leg.

Morehouse, a charter member of his union, has been a convivial delegate to many conventions of the Indiana State Federation of Labor and hope was maintained by his brother Teamsters that he will be improved sufficiently to attend this year's convention in Indianapolis. In fact some of the Teamsters couldn't figure how the State Federation could hold a convention without Morehouse. Get well, Otto!

No. 716 Strikes Paint and Color For More Pay

All drivers and warehousemen employed by the Indianapolis Paint and Color Co. and members of Teamsters Union No. 716 have struck and are picketing the company's plant, at 640 North Capitol avenue in failure of the company to grant wage demands.

Officers of the local, headed by Edward T. Carlson, president, have met twice with the management, June 10 and 13, with a federal conciliator, U. S. Young, in attendance, but to date the two factions are seven cents an hour apart in reaching an agreement.

Employees, originally demanding 20 cents an hour increase, and certain fringe benefits, dropped to 15 cents increase, but were met by flat refusal of the company to pay more than eight cents per hour increase.

In their strike the Teamsters are receiving full cooperation from the Paint Makers' Union, normally engaged in making the NU DAY paint manufactured by the concern. The drivers and warehousemen recently voted 100 per cent for representation by the Teamsters local.

Your take-home pay will come home again some day, if you spend it with firms that have the Union Label on display!

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Right Man Wrong Seat

John Mofield of the Muncie Teamsters is a universal character and can go any place. Sometimes he can even lose himself in the madding crowd.

He came to Indianapolis, along with Brothers Mahoney and Wilhoit, to help keep order in the laundry situation and found plenty of situation at Mechanics Laundry, where the CIO was parading on strike.

There was a conference inside the laundry with the management and the Teamsters' committee and when this broke up the Teamsters started to depart. All started away, that is, save Mofield, who had disappeared from the conference.

Where was Mofield? "I'm sure he was here a minute ago," said C. E. Davis, head of the committee. "Maybe the women got 'em." But that couldn't be.

They looked outside among the picketing worker for Brother Mofield, inside from the cellar to top floor and even under the ironing machines.

Finally they looked where he was most likely not to be and there he was—in the women's room.

P. S.—All the women were outside in the picket line and Mofield was what you might say, saved by the bell.

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Bakery in Rushville.

A contract recently signed in Rushville gives 15 cents hourly and one-half cent per mile increase to members employed by the International Furniture Co. This increase is retroactive to March 11, 1949, and applies to drivers, yardmen, spotters and mechanics. It is additional to an increase of 19 1/2 cents an hour obtained for the members last November.

The local has signed a new agreement with the Rex Manufacturing Co. at Connersville, under which the company agrees to pay insurance premiums for the 23 union members involved in addition to granting improved working conditions. The contract can be reopened in 30 days for wages.

Jimmy Mickens has returned to his home in Aurora, after being in the Methodist Hospital with a spinal injury.

Lloyd Atkins is recovering at his home in Connersville from a tonsil operation. He will be back at the Omar Bakery shortly, his brother Teamsters hope.

Also at Connersville, Tom Hanlon is recovering from a double hernia operation.

At Richmond the Commercial Motor Freight Co. has taken over the Motor Distributing Corp. and also the company's contract covering 40 members of Local 691.

President Wayne Watkins of Local 691 has taken a 60-day leave of absence from the Hayes Freight Lines to enter the hospital here for a check-up, and to attend to affairs of this union.

Bossman Katz is back from a week's vacation at Bens, Minn., with plenty of tan and fishes, but still hobbling on that game leg.

Fourteen warehousemen, dockmen and others employed by the Porcelaine Steel Co. in Connersville, have transferred from the Federal Labor Union, AFL, to Local 691.

LOCAL 716 MEMBER DIES

Death of Hollister Smith, of the Polar Ice and Fuel Co.'s maintenance department, has been announced by officers of Teamsters Union No. 716 of which he was a member.

A son and heir, Chester B. Smith, will receive a check for \$1,000 from the union's insurance fund.

The Evil Serpent Is Still Matchmaking, Says Swede

By SWEDE CARLBOM

Once, while parked at Atlanta, Ga., my cab was broken into and many of my belongings stolen. After similar raids at New Orleans and Albuquerque I hit upon a bright idea. In an Albuquerque gift shop I bought a plaster of paris, coiled rattle snake in natural size with a menacing, about-to-strike head.

I painted it as nearly like its natural colors as I could and inserted green glass beads for eyes. I placed it on my white bunk pillow, close to the cab window. From the outside it looked very real and many a passerby got a shock and bolted away. For over three years now, no one has dared to enter my cab while parked in different towns the land over. Sometime ago I moved a charming old lady's household goods from Vermont to California. The lady was very talkative, although well-spoken and talented, with a bearing of manners befitting a highly educated lady. During our conversation she revealed she had lived in Vermont over 50 years and in the house from which she was moving for 35 years, all by her lonesome self. She had never been married. She had, for years, been a teacher of theology at a girls' college and had written several books on that subject. She was now going to retire in sunny California.

While I was loading her furniture she went on an errand to a neighbor and in passing my cab window happened to see my plaster of paris snake coiled on the pillow. Highly excited she came running back, asking if the horrible thing was alive. Jokingly I said it was.

"Mercy me," said Miss Cooperfield, for this was her name, "how dare you sleep with such a horrid creature in your truck?"

"Well, madam," I said, "the firm I work for has a rigid restriction, an iron clad rule, not to carry any passengers for company. We get awfully lonesome on our coast to coast travels. We long for someone's company. So I picked up this pet of mine in New Mexico. It happens to be a she, so I call her Miranda. She is very amiable, sleeps most of the time and only awakens at feeding time."

"Well," asked the old lady, "what do you feed her?"

"Live mice, madam. I catch them by putting on a lady's long skirt and then go down to stand in some old basement. When the mice run up my legs I grab them."

"Oh, mercy me," said she, "one horrible thing after another."

She asked me if Miranda ever strikes at me and I told her that like all females the world over, she has that habit.

"But," I said, "I think nothing of it. After 35 years of married life I wouldn't feel at home if I wasn't whanged with an iron skillet by my beloved at least once a month."

"You mean to tell me," asked Miss Cooperfield, "that you like to be whanged by a skillet?"

"No, madam," I said, "I do not particularly like, it, but I have no choice."

She thought that was a strange thing indeed as she had always been under the impression that all men were somewhat brutish with terrible caveman manners. One reason she never married, she said, was because she thought that men were all monsters. I told the lady she had been grossly misinformed; that it was the other way around. Men on the average, are of a gentle and subdued nature, having been tamed by the fairer sex for thousands of years to cater to their whims and wishes, handling their beloved ladies with the utmost care and tenderness.

For a while she stood quietly, forlornly looking at the swaying elms in a park across the way. Then she sighed deeply and said, "I guess I have missed very much."

My heart went out for this woman who had passed by the fullness of life.

I said, "Why, madam, with the charm and attractiveness you still possess it is not too late." She cast her eyes downward and with flushed cheeks said demurely, "Do you really mean that?"

"Absolutely, madam, I mean it. Put out your snares. When you hook some guy around the ankle, pull him in. Tap him on the head with a potato masher and he'll be yours forever and forever." She smiled coyly and walked off.

Last month I received the following invitation:

"You are invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Lars Olaf Petersen to Suzanne Beatrice Cooperfield at the Little Church Around the Corner, etc., etc."

I am sure the tale about Miranda brought about the changed attitude toward men in Miss Cooperfield's life.

I am sending her a plaster of paris Miranda as a wedding gift to be used as a doorstop and in case of other emergencies, on Lars Olaf should there be no potato masher or iron skillet.

Local 716 Ends Building Strike With Pay Raise

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work June 23.

Local Union No. 716 was the only organization asking either vacations or retroactive pay and the only organization that received retroactive pay from the General Contractors Assn.

The officers and wage committee wish to take this opportunity to thank the International Union and Brother Thomas E. Flynn, acting for President Daniel Tobin, for their efforts on behalf of Local Union No. 716.

Kraft by 100% In Evansville

EVANSVILLE — Teamsters Local 215 has won a NLRB election in the Kraft Food Co. here for union recognition. According to G. B. Birdsong, union president, the election went 100 per cent of employees for the union.

The union membership involved voted 100 per cent to accept the agreement as obtained by President Carlson. President Carlson, addressing the meeting, was high in his praise of Edward Kiffmeyer, of the Indiana State Department of Labor, whose efforts at conciliation had much to do with effecting the agreement.

In the Know With Kokomo

By O. B. CHAMBERS

The General meeting of Local Union No. 759 has been postponed for the months of July and August but should need arise special meetings will be called.

We are still in negotiations with Omar Bakeries on a new contract covering men in Locals 369, 691 and 759 and it has been referred to the conciliation department for further meetings.

The Armour Creamery contract has recently been signed for the following year which will expire May 1, 1950.

We have negotiated a contract with Central Safety Division of the Equitable Powder Manufacturing Co., Peru, which has taken over the plant formerly occupied by the Central Railway Signal Co. This contract covers drivers, warehousemen and mechanics.

The Courier Express Co. at Logansport has taken over Gilstrap, Inc., Freight Line, and Brown Trucking Co., Wabash, has taken over Allisbaugh Trucking Co. at Wabash.

The Howard County Lumber Co., which was a part of the negotiations as of January 1 with the group covering coal and material yards, after paying the increase has cut our people in the yard 15 cents on the hour. We have had pickets on the yard for the past 13 weeks and are still at it. This strike action was taken to protect the same contract we have in the other yards.

We are still hopeful of bringing about a settlement covering the Railway Express drivers, as the contract in New York was recently settled. This contract will cover drivers working out of Kokomo and Logansport terminals.

We still have one non-union bread company which is Dietzens at Kokomo. All members should remember when buying bread to buy union made products which are Omar, Ward and Colonial.

Joe Roberts and Cletis Morrow, who have been busily engaged picketing the Howard County Lumber Co., are very proud of their tan. These boys have done a good job.

News Notes From Local 193

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sparks, and Mr. and Mrs. Irl Tillson enjoyed the 500-mile race, so any of you Mayflower drivers wanting to know anything about the race contact these fellows.

Bob Williams, former Mayflower driver, has been down around the bunk house visiting some of his old friends.

Donald Munday, Mayflower driver, still must be having trouble keeping the U. S. highway from going through his house because he has not been in Indianapolis since the first of the year. Wonder if he still has to take all those pills he was taking?

Wonder how Palmer Clifton stays awake these hot days, no more talking than John, his buddy, does.

Understand that some of the Mayflower drivers who were on the wagon and saving money have fallen off again.

Officers and members of Teamsters Local 193 were grieved to learn of the death of Brother Elza R. Lawrence, of the Mayflower garage, who passed away June 1. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

Brinks and Merchants signed a nice contract for their men, so all you boys who have contracts coming up watch your bulletin board for notices of meetings.

Sure would like to see Swede Caribom after the remodeling job his wife did on him during his vacation and days off at Chicago.

Wonder if the cornhusker at Los Angeles is missing the Mayflower boys or sending cabs over to the new lot to pick them up free of charge?

Best regards to all you members and hope you have wonderful vacations!

417 Strikes

Pistol Packing Gravel Dealer

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill.—

Two gravel pits near here are the scene of a feud between the two owners and their employees who are on strike for more pay and union recognition. The employees are members of Teamsters Local 414 of Vincennes, Ind., headed by Charles Miller.

The owners are O. S. Calvert and L. W. Gregory. Both are holding out against the picketing workers and no gravel is moving these five weeks of the strike, to date.

Gregory has been sitting on the bank of his pit with a .45-calibre automatic, taking pot shots at the strikers, congregated on the lawn of a residence across the highway, but hitting no one of record. But now the court has enjoined him from shooting his gun, so he keeps it unloaded, he says. Gregory ain't goin' to have no

union, he says. He's going to have no business until he does, the union says. And that goes for Calvert as well, according to a report made by Charles Miller to the Indiana Conference of Teamsters.

"Calvert had better switch to union help," he said, "or his gravel pit will be unworked for a long spell."

Local 298 Wins Cleaner Strike In Mich. City

MICHIGAN CITY—The strike of the Dry cleaners Union Local 56 and Teamsters 298 against Krüger's Cleaners has been won by the unions.

Inside workers obtained a 15-per cent wage increase, a 40-hour week, time and a half for overtime, six paid holidays, one week vacation after one year, and two weeks after three years.

Truck drivers received no pay increase, since they are already earning more than the Chicago or Gary scale, according to Pete Wilkes, Teamsters business representative, but they achieved all other benefits under the contract as listed above.

TEAMSTER SKINS MULES AS IN OLDEN DAYS



They needed a man who could drive two mules at the new "Indianapolis Times" building in West Maryland St. and William Temple, of Teamsters Local No. 716 said he could skin 'em. He did. Carl M. Geupel is the contractor on the job. This picture was snapped June 10, 1949.

MUNCIE TEAMSTERS AID NEEDY CHILDREN



Howard Wilhoit, business representative of Teamsters Local 369, Muncie (second from left), is shown loading clothing into the truck he drove in the "Bundle Week" campaign conducted in the public schools for needy children. Muncie elementary and junior high school children contributed 245 bags to the campaign, sponsored by the Save the Children Federation and aided by members of the Teamsters Union. Shown with Mr. Wilhoit are school and R. O. T. C. officials.

Four Teamsters Fatally Hurt in Recent Accidents

Teamsters who have been killed by accident in Indiana recently include John Franklin Griffith, of Local 694 Columbus; Jewell E. Foster and Urban Benny Seibert, both of Local 215, Evansville, and Richard K. Fox, of Local 369, Muncie.

Mr. Griffith was killed June 13 when his Pennsylvania Railroad tractor-trailer rammed into the rear of another truck on U. S. 40 near Knightstown.

Reporting the death of Jewell E. Foster, the Evansville "Labor Forum" says that he was the victim of a traffic accident on High-

way 41, about 23 miles north of Nashville, Tenn. The "Forum" continues:

Mr. Foster, a member of the Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 215, was bringing an empty auto carrier back to Evansville from Murfreesboro, Tenn., when the accident occurred.

According to reports received here his truck sideswiped another truck, jack-knifed and caught fire.

The accident in which Urban Benny Seibert was fatally injured occurred at RR 66 and St. Joe avenue. Mr. Seibert was 37 and was employed by the Hays Freight Line. He is survived by the widow, two daughters, three sons, his father and mother.

Richard K. Fox was a sales driver for the Colonial Baking Co. His death occurred on a Sunday afternoon when the light plane in which he was riding with a friend crashed near his home in Muncie.

The friend was Wayne Robertson of Anderson, owner of the PT 26 surplus army trainer plane.

AT THE TRUCK DRIVERS' ROADEO IN TERRE HAUTE



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT—

James Price—Green Line
Frank Olivera—Lovelace Truck
Dick Leach—Gerard
Frank Grantham—Gerard
James Allen—Hancock
Chas. Taylor—Hancock
Granville Cooley—Merchants
Harry Stead—Merchants
Virgil Kelley—Hayes
Henry Sneddon—Hayes

SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT—

Robt. Randolph—Green Line
H. Taylor—Green Line
Bud Mohr—Governors Safety Com.
Commissioner H. E. Fairweather
Capt. Burnsworth—State Police
Clifford St. John—Merchants
Dean Ames—Merchants Freight
Joe Kovacs—Lovelace
Milton Funkhouser—Lovelace

THIRD ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT—

Enoch Towell—Prairie State
William Harris—Prairie State
Frank Haskett—Gerard
William Rogers—Hancock
Robt. Spencer—Prairie State
Roy Eddington—Merchants
Otto Holmon—Hayes
Jack Rice—Lovelace
Walter Owens—Kroger
Harold Payne—Kroger
Ancil Taylor—Lovelace

FOURTH ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT—

Bud Berg—Gerard
Ed James—Terre Haute Police
Geo. Neff—Motor Freight
Logan Wright—Motor Freight
Leo Messick—Eastern Motor
Chad. Pierce—Merchants
Chas. Warnock—Eastern Motor
Elbert Cooley—Merchants
Cecil Julian—Gerard
Wayne Dobson—Merchants
Jno. Eldred—Merchants
Rene Verpleates—Lovelace

Prizes for Rodeo Winners at Evansville, Terre Haute

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compete in the 1949 National Rodeo in Boston next October. The state Rodeo will be open, in addition to the Terre Haute and Evansville winners, to all drivers considered eligible by their employing truckers. These will include the Fort Wayne boys who were rained out at Bear Field, and South Bend drivers scheduled to compete in a regional tournament in that city.

AT TERRE HAUTE

TERRE HAUTE—William Harris and James Allen, members of Teamsters Local 144, won the tractor semi-trailer and straight truck competitions respectively from a field of 55 truck drivers who competed in a two-day Rodeo on the main streets of this city June 11 and 12.

Judges included Jack Reynolds, Bert Wheat and Bill Coakley, business representatives of the union, which provided choice prizes for the top drivers.

Under direction of Robert Mason, of the Merchants Freight System, the 55 drivers were selected for having outstanding records during the past year.

All of these drivers were put through spectacular tests of steering their heavy vehicles around obstacles, backing into tight places, etc., to the amusement of many people and small boys in the center of town.

Also the competitors were given written examinations covering first aid, fire fighting, safety and knowledge of the industry.

Prizes and trophies were given to the first five winners of both the tractor semi-trailer and straight truck classes by the Teamsters

Union, the local trucking association and various dealers.

Teamsters' prizes included a 17-jewel watch to each of the number one winners, Harris and Allen; \$25 fitted picnic kit to those scoring second in these events; military set for third-place winners; 14-carat Teamsters lapel pin for fourth-place winners and a similar pin for those coming in fifth.

Harris scored 353.6 points from a possible 400 in the tractor semi-trailer class. Other winners in this event were Wayne Dodson, second; Charles Taylor, third; Henry Sneddon, fourth, and Harold Payne, fifth. Dodson was first-place winner last year.

Allen's score in the straight truck competition was 327.2 points from a possible 400. His runners-up were Robert Spencer, second; Enoch Towell, third; Milton Funkhouser, fourth and James Price, fifth.

The banquet, at which the prizes were presented, was held in the Terre Haute House Sunday evening, June 12.

AT EVANSVILLE

EVANSVILLE—Clyde Birdsong, president of Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local 215 of the Teamsters Union, who was chair for this year's Rodeo, July 18-19, reports that the top winners were Victor Harp, of the tractor semi-trailer class, and Talbert Beasley, straight truck.

Both winners are members of Local 215, employed by the Hargis Trucking Co.

Second places were won by Willard Thomas of the Ohio Valley Hardware and Roofing Co., driving a semi-trailer, and Donald Hawkins, of Girard Motor Express, in a straight truck.

Under the general chairmanship of N. W. Roser, operations manager of Hancock Truck Lines, the Rodeo was held in Dress Plaza.



Here are two number one winners at the Terre Haute Rodeo. They are James Allen (left), winner of the straight truck classic, and William Harris, the tractor semi-trailer champion. They are shown holding trophies presented by the Terre Haute Motor Carriers Assn., a branch of the IMTA. In addition, each won a handsome gold watch from the Teamsters Union; \$200 radio phonograph, presented by the truck dealers of Terre Haute; \$5 gift certificate; a gallon of anti-freeze; spark plugs and a flash light—all from local merchants.

Milk, Ice and Paper Drivers Raised at T. H.

TERRE HAUTE—Gale F. Murrin, president of Teamsters Local Union No. 144, has signed contracts calling for substantial wage increases for union members employed by Borden's Pure Milk and Ice Cream Co. and the Model Milk and Ice Cream Co.

Agreements call for time and one-half after eight hours daily and 40 hours weekly with a guarantee of a 48-hour week.

James Coakley, business representative, who negotiated the contracts for the union, also has reached an agreement with the Vigo Ice Co., calling for increased wages.

Bert Wheat, business representative, reports a new contract signed with the "Tribune-Star" for drivers. This provides the same wage conditions for a six-day week as the union members formerly received for seven days.

Coakley, Wheat and Jack Reynolds of the union spent several days in Indianapolis recently helping Teamsters Local 188 preserve order at the Progress laundry.

Brazil Lumber Cos.

Two lumber companies in Brazil the Pawley Co. and Wilder Co. have signed contracts with Teamsters Local 144, granting 10 cent an hour wage increases, six paid holidays and two weeks vacation with pay after three years instead of five years, as prevailed.

Davis Says "THANKS!"

C. E. Davis, president of Bakery, Laundry, Dairy Employees and Sales Drivers Local Union No. 188, IBT, wants to thank all his brother business representatives of Indianapolis and elsewhere throughout Indiana for their help in the recent laundry situation.